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Appendix XXIII.

(Vide Item IX "A Bill to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930," at page 103 supra.)

BILL No. 9 OF 1931.

A Bill to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930, *for certain purposes.*

To

The Honourable the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, of the GOVERNOR of MADRAS.

We, the undersigned Members of the Select Committee appointed to consider the Bill to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930 (Bill No. 9 of 1931), for certain purposes, have the honour to submit the following report.

2. The Bill was published in English in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated 28th July 1931.

3. We met on the 8th of August 1931 and considered the provisions of the Bill. We have approved of all its provisions.

4. We, however, consider it necessary to recommend to the Government that in giving effect to the provisions of the Act, they should associate honorary or paid women officers with the work of the Police, and that great care should be exercised in choosing the places where the minor girls rescued under the Act are to be placed in custody. We also recommend that any rule proposed to be made by the Local Government under section 16 of the Act shall not be brought into force without consulting the Women's Indian Association and the Vigilance Association.

5. We recommend that the Bill need not be republished.

B. VENKATARAMAYYA (*Chairman*).
C. BASUDEV.
SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI * (with a note).
T. NARASA REDDI.
YAKUB HASAN.
K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR.
K. ALAMELUMANGATHAYARAMMA.
V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI.
P. SUBRAHMANYAM CHETTI.
M. KRISHNAN NAYAR.
MAHOMED USMAN.
R. MADANAGOPAL.
F. G. LUKER.
A. T. PANNIRSELVAM.

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* NOTE.

I agree with the above. But I still think, that a restraint in the shape of a Vigilance Committee, even official, should be placed on the Police in the matter of prosecutions as having regard to various practices and customs prevalent in several commuuities in the Presidency and to the large powers vested in the Police under this Act, the provisions of the Act might be abused.

SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI.

BILL No. 9 OF 1931.

(As approved by the Select Committee.)

A Bill to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930, for certain purposes.

Preamble. WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930, for the purposes hereinafter appearing; *Madras Act V of 1930.*

AND WHEREAS the previous sanction of the Governor-General has been obtained to the passing of this Act; It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Short title. **1.** This Act may be called the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic (Amendment) Act, 1931.

Substitution of new sections for sections 1 and 2 of Madras Act V of 1930. **2.** For sections 1 and 2 of the Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930 (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the following sections shall be substituted, namely:—

Short title. "1. This Act may be called 'The Madras Suppression of Immoral Traffic Act, 1930.'

Extent and commencement. "2. The Local Government may, from time to time, by notification in the *Fort St. George Gazette*, apply all or any of the provisions of this Act to the whole or any portion of the Presidency of Madras from such date as may be specified in the notification and may cancel or modify any such notification."

Amendment of section 6, Madras Act V of 1930. **3.** In sub-section (ii) of section 6 of the said Act, for the words and figures "before a Juvenile Court constituted under section 36 of the Madras Children Act, 1920", the words and figures "before a court established under sub-section (i) of section 36 of the Madras Children Act, 1920, or where no such court has been established, before a court sitting in the manner specified in sub-section (2) of that section" shall be substituted. *Madras Act IV of 1920.*